

**Welcome to worship at
Holy Trinity, Terrigal**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
28th February 2021**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns – TIS 246, 234

(All Hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.)

LENT – THE LIGHT ENABLES US TO SEE CLEARLY

Lately, I have noticed something about my vision. If I close my left eye, and look only through the right eye, everything is blurry. People who have cataracts removed marvel at the clarity with which they can see things. Often they can throw away their spectacles. What was blurred and indistinct is now sharp and clear.

When Peter, James and John went with Jesus up the Mount of Transfiguration they saw Jesus clearly for the first time. Today's Gospel from Mark tells us Jesus took them there "by themselves" (Mark 9:2). They could only see Jesus clearly when they were away from the noise, the crowds, the hostile religious and political establishment that tried to downplay and downgrade the impact and significance of Jesus. Detached from all those distractions and activities, they finally saw Jesus as he really was and what he was all about.

For one thing he was greater than Moses and Elijah, heroes of the faith of Israel. His shining face and brilliant white garments and the voice from heaven spoke to them of his glory and his unique relationship to the Father. They saw and understood Jesus differently from the way they had seen and understood him until now.

Lent is an opportunity for us to strengthen the spiritual life by eradicating those distractions and diversions which dull our vision and prevent us seeing clearly and consequently which also cause the light to become dim for us. It is a time for us to see Jesus clearly again or perhaps for the first time. When the Light of Christ shines on us and in us we see those things we need to change. Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister says, "Once that happens, life is no longer about adding up the things we get or do not get in order to check our score against the economic scores of those around us. It is not about what arguments we win or do not win. Then, life is not even about what we understand or do not understand. It is about finding the Light of our lives and then taking it back down the dark mountains of our years to where Jesus will now go on being refracted for us through all the elements of all our days. And if we do it seriously, sincerely, there will come a time when that Light is

refracted through us to others, as well. Once that happens, none of us will ever really be in the dark again" ('Dawning of the Light' *The Tablet* 28 February 2015 p. 13).

Fr Mark

Fr Roy Writes: In relation to the pandemic in Australia the hope for every day is to have no locally transmitted cases in every state and territory. We also have the expectation of a vaccine (in other words "the jab") that will immunise us from further transmissions of the virus.

This brings me to two words that relate to us in our Lenten spiritual journey and our world journey. The two words that are related to all parts of our journey in this life are "HOPE" and "EXPECTATION" or "EXPECTANCY".

On our spiritual journey that includes Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving we do these things with hope in our hearts. Our hope is that God will be with us in our silence and speak to us with direction of God's will for us as individuals and members of society and community. Our hope is that God is with us in our praise and adoration, our repentance and confession, our supplication for our relations, friends and members of our church community and our prayer for ourselves.

Our hope is that God will be with us in our fasting and that it may be a denial of self and a sacrificial offering to God in the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ and that our fasting may change our attitude to the unimportant things of this world and into a life where we are pursuing a life with Christ that is preparing us for an eternal life with him.

Our hope is that God will be with us in our almsgiving and that it illustrates our concern for the poor and disadvantaged in our community and in the world. Here is our chance to use the special Lenten envelopes over and above our weekly giving for the maintenance of our parish.

On our spiritual journey we do these things with Expectation or Expectancy in our hearts. In our prayer life whether it is a time of silence, of worship including an offering of Morning and Evening Prayer according to a prayer book, of prayers for others or for ourselves, there is an expectation that God is with us and is accepting our offering and is doing with it according to God's will.

In our fasting in whatever way we apply the word there is the expectation that it will lead to a sacrificial life, a simpler life following the Way of our Lord, Jesus Christ and God's will for us in preparation for eternal life with God in heaven.

In our almsgiving there is the expectation of a continuing benefit to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the persecuted, the outcasts of society that we have felt something of their position through our sacrifice during our Lenten discipline as a disciple of Christ.

Here is a prayer for your Lenten journey.

Almighty God,
may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent,
enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings;
that by following in the Way,
we may come to share in the glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come, Son of God Incarnate, Jesus of Nazareth, come and touch the lives of your people.

Keep well, keep safe and the blessing of God be upon you and on all who you love and may your days and nights be holy, good and peaceful. AMEN.

Sentence

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.6

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from 2 Kings Chapter 2 verses 1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50.1-6

1 The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

**2 From Zion, perfect in beauty:
God has shone out in glory.**

3 Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.

**4 He calls to the heavens above:
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.**

5 'Gather to me my faithful ones:
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'

**6 The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.**

A reading from the Second letter of Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 4 verses 3-12

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Chapter 9 verses 2-9

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for those suffering severe illness (adapted from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 692)

Healing Spirit,

we pray for those suffering from serious diseases and for those who are terminally ill, and those living with the COVID-19 virus. We pray for skill and patience for the doctors and nurses who care for them. We pray that their relatives and friends may be strengthened and comforted. May their faith not falter as they support each other through testing times. We pray for those engaged in research that by your inspiration and their skill the scourges of this generation may be overcome. Help us to live in your way and to seek health in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

Please pray for

Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams, Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Jean Jackson, Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay, Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Pat Stokes, Kathy Oakes, Tania Howlett, Ian Kidson, Maureen Hazlewood, Patricia Bailey, Shirley Taylor, Andrew Smith, Des Matthews and Adrian Baldwin.

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'Whispers of Love' Meditation

'Whispers of Love' Meditation is on each Monday at 10am during Lent and will begin with a Lenten reflection and meditation.

Reflection:

Loving God, like Peter, James and John, we long to see the glory of Jesus your Son.

You call us to listen to him in the midst of the clouds of life that can overshadow us.

May our knowledge that he is with us be enough to strengthen our faith, hope and love. Amen.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on **Sunday 7th March from 6pm.**

If you are interested, please let us know by email to the office

admin@terrigalanglican.org.au,

calling the office on 4365 1115

or asking to have your name added to the sign-up sheet upon entry to the service on Friday or Sunday.

From Fr. Roy: The Eucharist at 5.00pm will continue in the church on each Wednesday during Lent. All are welcome to attend as an extra part of your Lenten discipline. This will be followed by Sacred Reading (Lectio Divina) using the Gospel reading for the following Sunday Eucharist for those who wish to participate in this Sacred Reading.

Samaritans

We have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Some suggestions are baked beans, spaghetti, soup, salmon, tuna, tinned fruit and tinned vegetables. Also, long life milk, pasta, soap and toilet paper. Please NO nappies at this stage. Thank you.

Margaret MacLachlan.

Market Day

Providing the asphaltting has been completed and there are no Covid19 outbreaks/lockdowns/changes, the proposed Market Day for March is Saturday 20th. We will need all the help we can get when setting up on Friday 19th March and especially when packing away and clearing up on Saturday. If you can come at 12.30pm for an hour on Saturday to pack up, we would love to see you. Please advise Ian Wolstenholme on 0426 366 565 if you can help with Market Day. Your help is always appreciated. Thank you.

Prayer of the week

Remember, O Lord,
what you have wrought in us
and not what we deserve,
and, as you have called us to your service,
make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The gathering for **World Day of Prayer** will be at
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH,
1 PATRICK CROKE CRESCENT, KINCUMBER
on **FRIDAY, 5th MARCH, 2021**
Commencing at **11.00AM.**

God's Blessing

Contact Colleen Addison at 4384 3224 or 0425 368 431



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Lent 2

– Sunday 28 February 2021

- Genesis 17.1-7; 15-17; Psalm 22.24-32;

Romans 4.13-25; *either* Mark 8.31-38 *or* Mark 9.2-9

Abraham had faith in the covenant the Lord made with him. God's promise of innumerable descendants and great nations would be fulfilled. Abraham became the father of us all and Sarah our mother for she is also given God's promises – a son and nations and kings as descendants. Both Abraham and Sarah were given new names, no longer Abram and Sarai. The Lord is setting them apart and giving them new lives as parties to the covenant.

- Righteous One, whose name lives forever, help us to live in faith alone, and walk with you all the days of our lives, regarding not the rule of humanity but the rule of God, that

we may be called afresh and be inheritors of your covenant of love for us.

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong

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St John's is the only training college for Anglican clergy in Zambia. It provides theological education appropriate to the Zambian context, including how to deal pastorally with people living with HIV/AIDS which affects more than 11% of the population, and skills for leading communities to combat gender-based violence, a church priority.

With Covid-19 wreaking havoc world-wide, one of St John's partners had to call two lecturers home in December. Funds to cover operating costs are needed to allow the seminary to continue to keep its doors open.

St John's Seminary trains about 10 new students for ordination each year, and the good news is that the church has a strong retention rate of ordained priests. The main focus is on new ordinands, but St John's also recognises the need for the church to provide ongoing training for clergy and laity.

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The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9.00am to 4.00pm

Fridays open from 9.00am to 10.15am and from 11:15am to 4.00pm

(Please note Friday between 10.15am-11.15am the Op Shop is CLOSED)

Saturdays open from 10.00am to 1.00pm